Ghosts Make Good Detectives

usee clearly ultramundure in their nature, and I would ex-Harold Furniss, whose his restored many details in his collection of criminal

records.

The first which I would choose is the murder of Segmant Davies in the High-Bards in the year 1740. Davies was part of the

English garrison left in the rangism garmon set in the courth after the suppression of Prince Churlle's rising, and like many of his commutes be alleviated his estile by the excellent sport which the barren country afforded. Upon september 22 in that year be went shooting near Brawers without a true attender. without my attenduct. resect of the recent war had to some extent died down, and in any case the Sergoant. who will a deserrablest manfeared no opponent

THE result showed, howas he never returned from his expedition. Search parties were sent out, but months passed and there was still no sign of the missing soldier. Fire years passed and the mystery was still ansolved. At the end of that time, two Highlanders, Duncan Teelg and Alex Bain Mucdonald, were arrested because the fowling-piece and some of the property of the loss man were found in their possession. The case rested mainly, however, upon some evidence which was an arrange as any ever heard in a court of law.

A farm laborer named Alex Muchherson, aged twenty-sia. deposed that one night in the summer of 1750—that is, some nine months after the Sergrant's disappearance, he was lying awake in the burn where

lying awase in the turn warre all the services slept, when he saw enter a man dressed in blue who came to his bedside and beckoned him to follow. Outside the door the figure runned and sasit, "I am Serguan Davas." The apparition then pointed to a distant moss or secure, and said. "You will find my bener there. Go and bury them at once, for I can

there. Go and bury there at once, for I can have no peace, nor will I give you saw, until ray hours are funitely you may get Dougld Farquitarsan to help you." It then vanished.

Early next day Macpherson, according to his own account, went to the place indicated and, obeying the most becrucious received, he came straight upon the body, still wearing the blue regimental coar of Guise's Horse. Macpherson laid it upon the surface, dragging it out from the siline, but did not hary it. A few nights later the vision appeared to him once more as he lay in the barn and uptroched him with having fulled to carry out the issuractions.

him with having fulled to carry out the astructions from the having fulled to carry out the astructions given. Macpherson saked, "Who nurdered you?" To this the apparition answered, "Duncan Terig and Ales Macdonaht," and vanished once more. Macpherson nest day went to Farquharson and saked him to come and help bury the body, to which the latter agreed. It was accordingly done. No one else was told of the incident save only one friend, John Brewar, who was informed within two days of the lartial.

THIS story was certainly open to criticism, as the arrest was in 1354 and the alleged apparition and subsequent burial in 1750, so that one would naturally ask why no information had been given during four



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On the other hand, one could imagine that these Celtic Highlanders were somewhat in the position of Irish peasants in an agrarian outrage. bound together against a common enemy, and would not act save under pressure. This pressure arrived when the two suspects were actually arrested, the mardered man's grar was found upon them, and direct inquiry was made from the folk in the neighbor-hood. No ill-will was shown to exist between Macpherson and the acrosed men, nor was any multive alleged for so extraordinary a consection.

On the psychic side there are also some objections. One would have conceived that the Sergessu might return, as others seem to have done, in order to identify his nearderers, but in this case that was a secondary result, and the main one appears to have been the burial of his own remains. Spirits are not much con-cerned about their own bodies. In a communication which I saw recently the deceased alluded to his body na "that thing that I used to go about is." Still, earthly prejudices die hard, and if Davies, sprung from a decent stock, yearned for a decent burial, it would surely not be un unmatered thing.

*HERE was some corrobovation for Macoherson's webd story. There were female quarters in this burg, and a noman worker named lastel Machardie

occasion of the apparition she saw "something maked come in at the door and go straight to Macpherson's bed, which frightened ber so much that she drew the clothes over her head." She added that when it appeared it came in a bowing posture, but she could not tell what it was. The sext merning she asked Macpher-row what it was that had troubled them the night befor, and he armiered that she might be easy, for it would trouble them to more.

There is a discrepancy here between the blue-coated fig-ure of the first vision and the "semething raked" of the second, but the fact remained that the woman claimed to have seen something alarming, and to have affasted so it next day. Macpherson, low-ever, could speak asthing har Gaelle, his evidence being in-

Gaelic, his evidence being in-tempered to the Court. Lockbart, the defet-sling burdster, naturally asked in what tongue the vision space, to which Macpherson an-swered, "In as good Gastic us ever I heard in Locksker."

"Pretty good for the most of an English sergeant," said Luckban, and this facile re-ton made the Court leagh and finally brought about the acquitted of the presence, in spite of the more material proofs which could not be ex-plained away. Later, both Luckhart and the Advocate admitted their belief in the guilt of their clients.

A S a matter of fact Davies April, 1746, and met his end in September, 1749, so that he had been nearly three and a half years in the Highlands, mining in sport with the gil-lies, and it is difficult to sup-

the, and it is difficult to suppose that he could not master a few simple sentences of their language. But apure from that, although our information shows that knowledge has to be acquired by personal effort, and not by miracle in the after life, still it is to be so acquired, and if Sergeant Davies saw that it was only in a Gael that he would find those ray proches rifts which would enable him to arrecor psychic gitts which would enable him to appear and to communicate (for every spirit assuifesta tion must have a nuterial basis), then it is not

inconocivable that he would maser the means during the ten months or so which elapsed before

his reappentance.

Presuming that Macpherson's story is true, it by to means follows that he was the medium, since of the sloopers in the larm might have for nished that nameless atmosphere which provides the correct conditions. In all such cases i is to be remembered that this atmosphere is rare and that a spirit comes back not as it would or when it would but as it can. Law, incremble law, still governs. every fresh muce which we add to our knowledge, and only by defining and recogniting the limitations will we gain some dim perception of the conditions of the further life and its relation to the present one.

WE saw pass to a case where the spirit interposition seems to have been as clearly proved as anything could be. It was, it is true, some time ago, but full records are still available.

In the year 1632 a yesman named John Walker lived at the village of Great Lumley, some rules north of Durham. A cousin samed Ause Walker kept bouse for him, and intimacy insued with the prospect of the usual results.

John Walker greatly feared the scandal, and took

diabolical steps to prevent (Continued on page 88)
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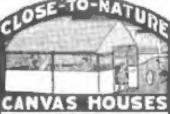
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t. He sent the young woman over to the lown of Chester-le-Strict to the care of one base Carr. To this matron Ause Walker onlessed everything, adding that Walker lad used the onlinous phrase "that he would take care both of her and of her child."

One night at Dame Carr's door there ap-peared the slatter visage of Mark Sharp, a Blackbarn coller, with a specious ressage which laduced the girl to go with him into which senseed the gard to by Darne Carr, said that it was all right, and that it was better in her coordinate has a better in her coordinate that she should be among strangers. The old lady had her suspicious, but nothing could be done, and the slays aread as.

paneed on.

A fortseight inter a millior named James Grakamwas grinding ours in his mill at night ones miles away. It was after reliabilities down to descend to the floor of the rail after putting a fresh sil of corn in the hopper. His exact experience as preserved in the Bod-rian Library at Oxford was as follows:

The spirit ended by ordering the miller to seves the truth on pain of being haunted. In this case, as in the last, the message was not delivered. The horrised miller was no impressed that he would by no means he stone, but he shirked the sellente task which had been confided to him.

had been confided to him.

It spite of all his precautions, however, he issued himself alone one evening, with the result that the vision instantly reappeared, "very fierce and cruel," to use his description, and insisted that he should do so commanded. More obcluste than the Celtic Macpherson, the miller awaited a third summan which came in so terrific a form in his own garden that his resistance was completely broken down, and so four days before Christbroken down, and so four days before Christ-man he went to the nearest magistrate and locked his deposition. Search was at once made and the vision

van justified in all particulars, which, it must be admitted, has not always been the case where information had seemed to come from beyond. The girl's body, the five wounds in the head, the pick, the bloodstained shoes and stockings were all found, and as the body as in a deep col-pit there seemed so sormal seems by which the siller could possibly lave knows the nature of the wounds unless he had kinself inflicted them, which is hardly consistent either with the known facts, with his appearance as informer, or with the girl's advaluations to Dame Care.

OHN WALKER and Mark Sharp were both arrested and were tried for murder the Durham Assises before Judge Baven-port. It was shown that the miller was unknown, save by sight, to either prisoner, or that it could not be suggested that he had any personal reason for oversing away their by a concocted tale.

The trial was an extraordinary one, for these seems to have been a psychic atmos-phere such as has never been recorded in a prosaic British court of law. The foreman of the Jury, a Mr. Fairbairn, declared in an affida on that he sawduring the trial the "likeness

of a child standing upon Walter's shoulder." This might be discounted as being the effect upon an emotional nature of the weird evidence to which he listened, but it received singular corroboration from the Judge who write afterward to a fellow-lawyer, Mr. Sergeant Hutton, of Goldsbouugh, that he timeelf was aware of a figure such as Pair-bairs described and that during the whole proceedings he was aware of a most uscarmy and unusual resection for which he could by so means account. The vertical was guilty.

and the two man were duly executed.

The array of responsible witnesses is this case was remarkable. There was the Judge himself, Mr. Fairbairn with his affodavit, Mr. eart, Mr. William Lumley of Great

Lambey, and others. The deposition of the miller, James Grahams, is preserved in the Budleian Library. Altograther it is difficult to see how any case could be better authenticated, and I have no doubt myself that the facts were as stated, and that this single case is enough to convince an unprejudiced mind of the continuance of individuality and of the penetrability of that screen which supragators sufform the dead. reparates unfrom the dead.

WillAT comment can psychic science make upon such an episode? In the first place I would jurige that the miller was a powerful seelium that is, he coulded that rare atmosphere which enables a spirit to become viable as the meteorite becomes viable as the meteorite becomes viable when it peaces through the atmosphere of earth. It is, I repent, a rare quality and in this case seems to have been unknown to its possessor, though I should expect to find that the miller had many other psychic experiences which took a less public form, This is the reason why the apportion did This is the reason why the apperition did not appear before the magistrate himself, but could only approach him by messeager. The spirit may have searched some time believe she found her medium, just as Sergeast Davies was ten souths before he found the Highlander who had those psychial qualities which enabled him to communicate.

qualities which enabled him to communicate.

Law and obedience to have run through
the whole subject. It is also abundantly
evident that the confiding woman, who had
been treated with such cold-thouled ingratiusedrand treachery, carried over to the other
world her natural feelings of indignation and
her desize be justice. As a curious detail
it is also evident that the recovered her concovered ber to the other details and overelements inclusive other death and vaelements. sciousness instantly after death, and was realized to observe the movements of her secassin. With what organs, one may nik? With what organs do we see clear details in There is something there besides a dream?

a dream? There is something those besides our material eyes.

A most reasonable objection may be urged as towhy many impocent people have suffered death and yet have experienced no super-normal help which wight have sured them. Any criminelogist could name offhand a dozen cases where insocent men have gone to the scaffold.



Why were they not saved? I have written a vain if I have not by now enabled the reader to answer the question himself. If the psychical means are not there, then it is impossible. It may remunjust, but not more so sible. It may seemunjust, but not more so than the fact that a ship provided with wireless may save its passengers while another is heard of no more. The problem of somerited suffering is part of that larger problem of the functions of pain and evil, which can only be explained on the supposition that spiritual chancening and elemnic occase in this fashion, and that this end is so important that the means are trivial in comparison. We must accept this previsional explanation or we are faced with those.

CAN these dim faces which we see looming shore and around us be carried to the use of man? It would be a degradation to use them for purely material ends, and it would, in me opinion, bring some withingion. with it, but where the leterests of justice are concerned I am convinced that they could be used to good effect.

Here is a case in point:

WO leathers, Eugene and Paul Dupont lived some fifty years ago in the Ru-St. Houses of Paris Lugene was a banker Paul a man of letters. Eugene disappeared Every conceivable effort was made to trace him, but the police finally gave it up as hope loss. Parl was persevering, however, and company with a friend Laparte he visites adame Huerta, a well known clair-count and asked for her assistance.

We have no record as to how far articles of the missing man were given to the medium. a abbooth and is started on a trail, but who the was by psychometry or not, Madam-fuerta, in the mesmerized state, very quickly or in teach with the past of the two brothers sor in touch with the past of the two brothers from the dinner where they last met. She described Eugene and followed his movement from the hour that he left the restaurant until he vanished into a house which was identified without difficulty by her audience though sie was unable to give the name of the street. She then described how, inside the lease. Forces Durant had held a conjugate the same. street. She then described how, inside the louse, Engene Dupont had held a conference with two men whom she described, how he had signed some paper and had received a landle of banknotes. She then saw has leave two other ness join in the purvait, and finally she naw the four assault the banker, murder bin, and throw the body into the Schoe. Paul was concinced by the narrative but his comrade Laporte regarded it as a (thrica-tion. They had no about reached hour, however, thus they learned that the resisting man had been picked out of the river and was opposed at the margue. The police, however.

sposed at the margue. The police, however, sere inclined to take the view of suicide,

as a good deal of money was in the pockets.
Paul Dupont knew setter, however. He burstest out the house, he discovered that the occupants did business with his brother's fem; he found that they held a receipt for the research terms the second terms to be set for the second terms to be set for the second terms to the second t two thousand pounds is exchange for notes paid to his brother on the night of the crime. and yet those notes were missing. A letter taking in appointment was also discovered. The two mes, a father and son named

Dubuchet, were they are sted, and the min-ing links were at once discovered. The pockethook which Eugene Dupons had in his possession on the night of the murder was found in Dubuchet's bareau. Other evidence was forthcoming, and finally the two

offlains were found guilty and were condemned to penal servitude for life.

The medium was not summand as a wit-ness, on the ground that she was not conutious at the time of her vision, but her revu-lations undoubtedly brought about the disovery of the crime.

NOW it is clear in this authentic case that the police would have moved themselves such trouble and come to a suffer conclusion had they themselves consulted Madame Muerta in the first instance. And if it is obviously true in this case, why might it not be so in many other cases?

he so in many other cases?

It should be possible at every great police center to have them call upon the best clairwayant or other medium that can be get, and to use thest freely for what they are worth. None are inhallible. They have their off days and their fallures. No most about ever be convicted upon their sydener. But when it comes to suggesting clues and links, then it might be invaluable. In the case of Mr. Foxwell, the Lendon

In the case of Mr. Foxwell, the Lendon stockbroker who fell into the Thames some years age, it is well known that the mode of his death and the place where his loody would be found were described by You Bourg, the crystal-grazer, and that it was even as he had said. I venture to say that the mere knowledge that the police had so ally against whom every cuming precau-might prove unavailing would in itself strong determent to premoditated crime. This is so obvious that if it had not been for earny scientific and religious prejudices it would

purely have been done long upo.

Its adoption may be one of the first practical and morerial benefits given by psychic science to humanity.

DO past create leave evends that we con Ave. or are long afterward? Read "Shadows on the Surcess"—in Henry's for July.

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